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Sonic music director Dave Sawchuk and Dave Johnston, Union Events director of marketing, announced the Sonic Boom lineup Monday morning, which includes Jack White, the Arctic Monkeys, Tegan and Sara and a host of other bands. More coverage, page 4. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Province, gov't workers agree to new contract

AUPE. Premier, union head credit one another for getting deal done

The Alberta government reached a new contract agreement with its largest public-sector union Monday following months of bitter negotiations and court challenges.

"This has undoubtedly been the most challenging round of negotiations that AUPE has ever been engaged in," Guy Smith, president of the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, told a news conference.

"It's a deal that we can hold our heads high."

Smith declined to provide details of the tentative four-year deal, saying the union's 22,000 members need to be told first. They will vote on the deal in the coming weeks.

Smith would only say that

"significant areas of the collective agreement that have not been touched upon for many, many years have been improved on."

Premier Dave Hancock, in a statement, said he will urge his cabinet to ratify the contract as well.

He said a meeting with Smith last week was critical to reaching an agreement.

Joining the table

"It was important that we were able to have that dialogue."

Premier Dave Hancock on union talks

"It was important that we were able to have that dialogue and that our negotiating teams were able to move forward," said Hancock.

"Our preferred option has

always been to find a solution at the bargaining table, and we've been able to do that."

Smith said Hancock's personal intervention broke the log jam.

"It's a very encouraging sign when a sitting premier sits down, recognizes, listens and respectfully tries to deal with the issues that we brought up," said Smith.

The agreement is a ray of harmony after a storm of acrimony. AUPE has been without a contract since March 2013.

When the two sides couldn't reach a deal last summer, AUPE filed for binding arbitration.

Binding arbitration was granted to AUPE decades ago in return for it not being legally allowed to strike.

However, in December Redford's government passed a law removing that right of arbitration for this round of bargaining. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Poverty. Mayor, city staff eating lean to raise awareness

Hoping to draw attention to poverty, Mayor Don Iveson and many other city staff are eating far less than usual this week.

Eating on \$1.75 a day, the mayor, Coun. Andrew Knack and several city staffers are taking part in the Global Poverty Project's Live Below the Line challenge.

The idea is to replicate the extreme poverty line many around the world subsist on.

"A number of us are doing it and it's to raise awareness about global poverty and poverty in our own community," Iveson said, adding that doing it with a group has helped, but it's still difficult to get by on so little food.

"It's doable, but it's very, very difficult," he said. "It will be a pretty low-calorie intake. I am not getting a lot of vegetables this week and I am definitely not getting any coffee."

Dominic Mishio with the Global Poverty Project said the efforts raise much-needed awareness. He said participants face a tough challenge, but in the developing world that \$1.75 would cover much more than just food.

"If you were living in the developing world, that would be \$1.75 for all of the decisions that you are making," he said.

People can donate to a host of charities through livebelowtheline.com, but Mishio said it's about more than fundraising for those taking part.

"They take away an experience that is more than just raising funds for organization, but really understanding what a challenge this would be."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO



Not much is left of an Edmonton home following a deliberately set fire Sunday night. Two families had to be evacuated, and three other homes were damaged.

LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

Blaze destroys home in family for 40 years

'This is very frustrating.'

Fire investigators say they consider arson to be the cause



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Rob Toal wasn't sure what to make of a call Monday morning from a concerned friend, alerting him his house was on fire.

But after hearing the address, Toal was certain. The house he and his wife, along

with another couple, had purchased from his parents as an investment was engulfed in flames and burning to the ground.

At approximately 11 p.m. Sunday, Edmonton firefighters responded to a house fire in the Highlands neighbourhood, near 114 Avenue and 68 Street. Following an investigation, the fire that burnt down Toal's home and damaged three others is being considered arson.

"Friends of ours were watching the news and asked if that was our house with the fire," Toal explained. "We were standing in our home so our

The cost

Damages for the four houses involved in the blaze amount to approximately \$300,000.

- In the last 11 years, arson has been the No. 1 cause of fires in Edmonton, with a third of all reported fires being deliberately set, with 22 deaths as a result of fire in that time.

first thought was it's not ours."

The home, which had been in Toal's family for 40 years, was under construction with

framing just completed, and doors and windows planned to be installed Monday.

With no electricity or gas in the building, Toal said there was nothing ignitable in the residence.

"There was one neighbour about five or six houses to the north that says he saw three teenagers in here about 10 o'clock last night," Toal added.

"This is very frustrating," he said. "You put a lot of money into it and a lot of time and a lot of attention to detail to just get it at this stage."

Fire investigators have now handed over the investigation over to Edmonton police.

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Tegan and Sara, who took home three Juno Awards this year, will be part of the Sonic Boom lineup. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Boom gets Bigger

Sonic Boom. Festival extends into three days, brings in Jack White, Arctic Monkeys



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Sonic Boom will be bringing big names in alternative rock for an expanded three-day festival this year, as the local event continues to grow.

Organizers announced

the lineup Monday morning, which includes Jack White, the Arctic Monkeys, Rise Against, Death Cab for Cutie, Foster the People, Tegan and Sara, as well as the Descendants.

The event will run Aug. 29 to the 31 at Northlands.

Dave Sawchuk, the music director at Sonic 102.9, said having a major artist like Jack White coming to Edmonton is exceptional for the festival.

"If there's three horsemen of alt-rock, he's in there," he said.

Also on the bill are Serena Ryder, Cage the Elephant, Fitz

In numbers

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2014 will be the sixth edition of the Sonic Boom festival.

and the Tantrums, the New Pornographers, the Airborne Toxic Event, Stars, Ms Mr, July Talk, Mounties, The Mowgli's, Dear Rouge and Sleeper Agent.

Dave Johnston, with Union Events, said since the festival's launch they've been looking

to build it into a premier festival.

"We always had a plan of making Sonic Boom an annual event and trying to grow it into not just a major event for Edmonton, but for Canada. And I think it's got there," he said.

Sawchuk said he has been blown away by the lineup and thinks it will be a top festival in 2014.

Tickets for the event go on sale May 3 and will cost \$199.50 for general admission tickets and \$269.50 for VIP admission.

Economic woes. Iveson calls city's housing situation a national problem

At a glance

- According to the City of Edmonton, 20 per cent of the jobs added in Canada last year were created in Edmonton.

A looming housing crunch would impact not only people looking for a roof over their heads, but the foundations of the Canadian economy, Mayor Don Iveson argued Monday.

Iveson hosted a roundtable, drawing community groups, construction companies and rental companies to city hall to talk about the pressure for housing locally.

Iveson said the federal government has to do more to help and argued it's in their best interests to do so.

"If we have insufficient housing to accommodate people in Alberta and in Edmonton in particular, that is going to impair national economic growth," he said. "The country is relying on the Alberta economy and the northern Alberta and Edmonton economies to sustain the rest of the country."

Curtis Way, president of the

RMS group of companies who build rental accommodation, said both land and construction prices are on the rise.

"With the cost of rental projects increasing, rents are going to continue to go up," he said.

Way said the city continues to attract a lot of job seekers and those people need rental accommodation, even if only on the short term.

"The reality is that most people are coming to Alberta are looking for employment, they are looking for jobs, so they are not generally wealthy people." **RYAN TUMILTY/METRO**

Jonathan Denis

Justice minister to support bill on animal cruelty

Alberta's justice minister says he'll support a private member's bill on animal cruelty.

Jonathan Denis says he plans to propose an amendment that would make the bill even tougher by calling for mandatory minimum sentences and increased jail time. The bill by Len Weber, an Independent legislature member from Calgary, would double maximum fines for animal abuse and allow for up to six months in jail. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Kingsway Avenue

One dead, one injured in crash

A man was killed Monday night and a woman was in hospital following a collision on Kingsway Avenue.

The crash around 5:40 p.m. was between a white Honda Civic and a semi-trailer and the adult man was in the passenger seat, according to police spokesperson Chad Orydzuk.

An adult female driver of the Civic was in serious but non-life-threatening condition and the semi-driver was uninjured.

Police were still investigating the cause of the collision. **METRO**



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Pat Batten, owner of Ocean Odyssey Inland, holds up two cod fillets. The piece on the right is from Eastern Canada, and the two pieces on the left are from Iceland as part of a new agreement that uses the direct flight from Reykjavik, Iceland, to Edmonton. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

Direct flight from Iceland a boon for local fishmonger

Ocean Odyssey Inland. Owner lauds the size and freshness of fish shipped from Reykjavik



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One local store is reeling in Iceland's best catch of the day, all thanks to the direct Edmonton-to-Iceland flight.

Shortly after the launch of the Icelandic flight to Reykjavik, staff at Ocean Odyssey Inland in Edmonton's west end received a call from an Icelandic fisherman who wanted to bring his product to Alberta's capital city.

"I picked up the phone one day and it was a fisher-

man from Iceland," recalled Pat Batten, owner of Ocean Odyssey Inland. "He said he had called other places (in Edmonton) but they had thought it was a joke."

The inquiry was no laughing matter, as the first 120 pounds of fish received on Thursday sold by the end of the weekend.

"It's an incredible bonus for us. This is top-quality fish coming out of Iceland," said Batten, adding a total of 650 pounds of fish was received and distributed to others in the city.

The large Icelandic cod, haddock, Arctic char and halibut is welcomed by the business and its clients.

The freshness of the fish is also a huge benefit.

Batten said the fish will be harvested in Iceland on Tues-

Business

Ocean Odyssey Inland was created in 2001 after business staff met an independent B.C. fisherman while on holiday.

- Fishland, the company that supplies the Edmonton store, has buyers around the world.
- The Icelandic fishing company also has plans to export Alberta products to Iceland.

day, shipped, packaged and sent to the store all by Thursday afternoon, while the fish received from Canada or other parts of the world typically take a week.

Details unknown

Firefighters discover male body inside Beaumont home

Local RCMP were called to the scene of a house fire Monday morning after firefighters discovered the body of a male inside the residence.

Local fire crews headed to a Beaumont home shortly after 7 a.m. Upon entering, they found the body of a deceased male believed to be in his 50s.

The identity of the male was not released as of press time, nor was the cause of death.

An autopsy has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday in Edmonton.

As of Monday evening, firefighters were still unsure of the cause of the fire, but the RCMP's Major Crime Unit and other support services have stepped in to assist with the investigation.

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Know anything?

Anyone with information is asked to call the Beaumont RCMP at 780-929-7410.

PC leadership. Ex-federal minister Jim Prentice to enter race, source attests

A source working with Jim Prentice confirms the former federal cabinet minister is putting together a team to make a bid for the Alberta Progressive Conservative leadership.

The source says Prentice has been talking to caucus and cabinet and has received encouragement to run.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirms Prentice is forming a campaign and finance team and is expected to make a formal announcement in the next couple of weeks.

Prentice held several portfolios in Prime Minister Stephen Harper's cabinet before moving to the private sector.

He is currently a vice-president with CIBC and recently accepted a job with Calgary-based Enbridge to help clear the way for the proposed Northern Gateway



Jim Prentice THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

oil pipeline. The company said it wanted Prentice to forge agreements with about two dozen B.C. and Alberta First Nations that oppose the multibillion-dollar project.

Even though he has not officially entered the race, Prentice received a public endorsement last week from Alberta Human Services Minister Manmeet Bhullar, who said he thought Alberta would benefit greatly.

Prentice has been widely talked about as a potential candidate pretty much from the day Redford resigned, but he has remained silent. Only one candidate, former municipal affairs minister Ken Hughes, has officially entered the race. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Confirmation

Messages left with CIBC seeking comment from Prentice were not immediately returned.

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Arkansas twister leaves 14 dead in small town and trail of devastation



Sherry Lee, left, and her daughter-in-law Amanda Lee react after finding family photos among the ruins of Sherry's home on Cemetery Street Monday. KAREN E. SEGRAVE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fatalities also reported in Oklahoma and Iowa. Midwest and South brace for further severe weather

The sky turned black as the funnel cloud closed in, and Maggie Caro rushed with her husband and two children to a community shelter at a Vilonia school, where they were among the last to get inside the fortified gym before the doors were shut.

"They were screaming, 'Run! Run! It's coming!'" Caro recalled.

And then all hell broke loose.

The 800-metre-wide tornado carved a 130-kilometre path of destruction through the Little Rock suburbs Sunday evening, killing at least 14 people, flattening rows of homes, shredding cars along a highway and demolishing a brand-new school before it even had a chance to open.

Officials said the death toll could have been worse if residents hadn't piled into underground storm shelters and fortified safe rooms after listening to forecasts on TV and radio, getting cellphone alerts or calls or texts from loved ones, and hearing sirens blare through their neighbourhoods.

Also on people's minds: memories of a weaker tornado that smashed through on April 25, 2011. It took nearly the same path and killed at least four people.

"You had people breaking down because they were reliving three years ago," Kimber Standridge said of the scene inside the community shelter, which she said was packed with perhaps more than 100 people.

Caro and Standridge said the shelter was so solid they barely felt or heard the tornado.

The tornado was among a rash of twisters and violent storms across the Midwest and South that killed 16 people in all on Sunday.

Most of the dead in Arkansas were killed in their homes in and around Vilonia. Firefighters on Monday searched for anyone trapped amid the piles of splintered wood and belongings strewn across yards.

The tornado that hit the town and nearby Mayflower was probably the nation's strongest so far this year on the 0-to-5 EF scale, with the potential to be at least an EF3, which means winds greater than 136 mph, National Weather Service meteorologist Jeff Hood said.

"It's amazing to me how wide it was," Mayflower Mayor Randy Holland said.

Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe said officials didn't yet have a

count of the missing. He said the dead included a woman who was in a safe room but was hit by debris that went through the door.

"Mother Nature and tornadoes, sometimes you can't explain how that works," Beebe said.

Three people died when the tornado tore a Paron home down to the foundation. Emily Tittle, 17, said her family took shelter under the stairs of their home before the twister ripped the walls away.

In Vilonia, Raella Faulkner and Bobby McElroy picked through their demolished home, searching for family photos and a bow-and-arrow kit belonging to McElroy's son. The two had taken refuge from the storm in an underground storm shelter.

Homes in the South are frequently built on concrete slabs, without basements. Slabs are cheaper and easier, and the need to protect pipes from freezing by putting them below ground is not as great as in the North.

A separate twister killed one person in Quapaw, Okla., on Sunday evening, then crossed into Kansas, where it destroyed more than 100 homes and businesses and injured 25 people in the city of Baxter Springs. A farm building collapsed in Iowa from either a tornado or powerful straight-line winds, killing one woman. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Stowaway teen's mother seeks reunion with kids

Shedder Refugee Camp. It's home to the boy's mother and some 10,300 Somalis who fled due to militant violence

The Somali mother's home is a frame of sticks covered by ragged blankets on the dusty grounds of this refugee camp. It was here that her 15-year-old son wanted to travel on an impossible journey as a stowaway on a plane from California.

Ubah Mohammed Abdule hasn't seen her boy — who was hospitalized in Hawaii after landing there in the wheel well of a jetliner — for eight long years.

Wearing a black and white head covering, Abdule wept as she stood before the flimsy shelter holding her meagre possessions and spoke about her son.

She told journalists from The Associated Press, who travelled to see her in remote eastern Ethiopia, that she was alarmed by the dangerous

method of travel her son undertook. Those who stow away in wheel wells of airplanes have little chance of surviving, and many who attempt it are Africans desperate for a better life in Europe or America.

But Yahya Abdi had been unhappy in California and desperately missed his mother, according to those who know his family.

So on April 20, Abdi hopped a fence at San Jose International Airport and climbed into the wheel well of a jetliner. It was bound for Hawaii, the opposite direction of Ethiopia. Somehow he survived the sub-zero temperatures and lack of oxygen. He has not spoken publicly about the ordeal.

"I knew he was an intelligent boy who has strong affections for me. I also knew he always wanted to see me, but I know his father won't let them contact me at all," Abdule said.

Abdule said she has not spoken with her son since he moved to the U.S. in 2006. The boy's father has lied to their three children, the mother said, telling them that she's dead.



In this photo taken Sunday, Ubah Mohammed Abdule, 33, feeds her son Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed, 8, as her daughter Neshad Yusuf Ahmed, 5, looks on, outside her hut in the Shedder refugee camp near the town of Jigjiga, in far eastern Ethiopia. ELIAS ASMARE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"The father of Yahya first took the children away from me to Sudan. Then he came back to Somalia and demanded my consent for him to take the children to the U.S. if I want a formal divorce. I was not OK with that and said no," Abdule

said through tears.

"Finally, he took all three of my children to the U.S. without my knowledge."

Abdule said she wants to leave the camp and reunite with her children and has asked the Ethiopian government and

the UN refugee agency to help her do so. She has passed her first interview with the agency to make the list of those who might qualify to immigrate to America, said a legal protection officer at the refugee camp.

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Rape case. Paris police boss wants accused officers off the force

The director of the Paris police service says he wants the officers implicated in the alleged rape of a Canadian woman out of his department.

Bernard Petit's remarks Monday to French radio station Europe 1 came as authorities investigated two officers accused of raping the Canadian tourist at the city's police headquarters.

Both officers from the elite police unit, as well as a third who's considered a witness, have been suspended pending the outcome of an investigation that could take weeks or even months to complete.

French media have reported a 34-year-old Toronto woman met the off-duty officers in a bar last week and later went with them to their workplace.

As she left the station, she reportedly told another police officer she'd been raped, but a lawyer for one of the suspects told The Canadian Press the sex was consensual.

The police director told the radio station Monday he would not discuss the criminal allegations, but he called the behaviour of the officers from the noted anti-gang unit "absolutely unacceptable and intolerable."

"From an administrative point of view, things are clear in our minds," said Petit, who also noted they should have never have let someone from the outside into the headquarters. "These boys no longer have a place within our unit."

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve announced over the weekend the officers had been removed from their posts during the investigation.

He also said a disciplinary inquiry within the force is already underway.

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Muslim Brotherhood leader sentenced to death



A woman mourns after a judge in Egypt sentenced to death 683 alleged supporters of the country's ousted Islamist president in the latest mass trial in the southern city of Minya, Egypt, Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Egyptian judge sentenced to death the Muslim Brotherhood's spiritual leader and 682 other people Monday in the latest in a series of high-stakes mass trials that have been unprecedented in scope, drawing sharp condemnation from international rights groups.

The verdicts — which were appealed by the general prosecutor — come as the military-backed government has launched a massive crackdown against Islamist supporters of ousted leader Mohammed Morsi, under

the banner of "war against terrorism" while tightening its grip on the Arab world's most populous nation.

Suggesting there might be room for reversal, the same judge also reduced the sentences against 529 defendants indicted in a similar case in March, upholding the death penalty for only 37 and commuting the rest to life imprisonment.

Still, the three dozen death sentences that were upheld was an extraordinarily high number for Egypt, compared to the dramatic trial in the wake of the 1981

assassination of President Anwar Sadat, when only five people were sentenced to death and executed.

Judge Said Youssef said he was referring Monday's death sentences — which were for convictions of violence and killing policemen — to the Grand Mufti, the nation's top Islamic official — a requirement under Egyptian law that is usually considered a formality but also gives room for the judge to change his mind.

Of the 683, all but 68 were tried in absentia.

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Syrian President Bashar Assad announced his candidacy Monday for a new term in presidential elections set for June 3. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Assad seeks another term as Syria chief

Presidential elections. Analysts dismiss six other hopefuls as little more than stooges to provide a veneer of democratic legitimacy

Syrian President Bashar Assad declared his candidacy Monday for a new seven-year term in June presidential elections, more than three years into a revolt against his rule that has killed more than 150,000 people, uprooted another 9 million and touched off a humanitarian crisis.

While Assad had long suggested he would seek re-election, the official announcement put to rest any illusions that the man who has led Syria since 2000 has any intention of relinquishing power or finding a political solution to the conflict. Rather, he appears emboldened by a series of military victories in recent

months that have strengthened his once tenuous grip on power.

The Syrian opposition and its allies have denounced the June 3 election as a sham designed to lend Assad, who is widely expected to win, a patina of electoral legitimacy. And it remains unclear how the government intends to hold any kind of credible vote when the country is engulfed in a civil war.

Vast areas of the country, including most of northern Syria, lie outside government control. Hundreds of thousands of people live in territory that is either contested, held by rebels or blockaded by pro-government forces. More than 2.5 million people have fled the country.

The government has presented the ballot box as the solution to the conflict: If the people choose Assad in the election, the fight should end; if Assad loses, he will gracefully step aside.

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Colorado theatre shootings

Prosecutors hint they're looking for more evidence

Prosecutors in the Colorado theatre shooting case hinted they may want to search for additional evidence or look for more documents, although they aren't publicly saying why.

In a motion filed Friday and released Monday, prosecutors asked Arapahoe County District Judge Carlos

A. Samour Jr. to keep secret any future requests they might make for search warrants or for court orders to produce records.

The prosecution is seeking the death penalty for 26-year-old James Holmes, who is charged with multiple counts of murder and attempted murder in the July 2012 attack in the Denver suburb of Aurora that left 12 dead.

Holmes pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity.

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WHO team to probe MERS spike

Scientists from the World Health Organization are travelling to Saudi Arabia to help investigate this month's large increase in cases of MERS — Middle East respiratory syndrome. A spokesperson for the Geneva-based agency says the mission is a response to a request for assistance from the Saudi government.

The number of MERS infections has soared recently, with

more cases being diagnosed this month alone than in the past two years combined.

Saudi Arabia is the site of the world's largest annual pilgrimage, the Hajj. A world leader in health management for mass gatherings, it hosts the WHO collaborating centre for mass gatherings medicine, one of four WHO collaborating centres that research and advise on public health related

to events like large pilgrimages, the Olympics and soccer's World Cup.

The first known cases of MERS occurred in April 2012 and between then and the end of March of this year, 207 cases were reported by the WHO or affected Middle East countries. But April has seen a sharp increase in cases, mostly in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. The WHO's

official count lags far behind those announced by affected countries, which now totals more than 425 cases and more than 100 deaths.

At least some of the increase comes from hospital-related outbreaks in Jidda, Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi, UAE. But a flurry of cases has also been reported from the Saudi capital, Riyadh.

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Death penalty. Ohio to boost lethal injection dose after last execution

Ohio said Monday it's boosting the dosages of its lethal injection drugs even as it stands by the January execution of an inmate who made unusual snorting and gasping sounds that led to a civil rights lawsuit by his family and calls for a moratorium.

The state's new policy considerably increases the amount of the sedative used in its two-drug combination and raises the amount of the painkiller, both of which are injected simultaneously, according to a court filing. The state said it was making the changes "to allay any remaining concerns" after the last execution.

The Department of Rehabilitation and Correction said its review of the Jan. 16 execution of Dennis McGuire determined he was asleep and unconscious a few minutes after the drugs were administered.

"He did not experience pain, distress or air hunger after the drugs were administered or when the bodily movements and sounds occurred," the state

Lethal injection chemicals

States are in a bind for two main reasons:

- European companies have cut off supplies of certain execution drugs because of opposition to capital punishment in Europe.
- States can't turn to other chemicals without triggering legal challenges.

said.

The long and fitful execution of McGuire with a then-untested combination of chemicals brought cries of cruel and unusual punishment.

A gasping, snorting McGuire took 26 minutes to die after the chemicals began flowing. McGuire's adult children complained it amounted to torture, with the convicted killer's son saying: "Nobody deserves to go through that."

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Haiti

Audit: Haiti mission behind schedule

A U.S. government audit of Haiti health-care projects financed by Washington has found many of them to be significantly behind schedule.

The audit by the U.S.

Agency for International Development's inspector general found "limited progress," citing a delay in the construction of the health facilities.

The audit attributed the delays to several factors, including a dearth of qualified personnel and the vacancy of a mission director for 13 months. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Team searches for famous Spanish author's remains

Miguel de Cervantes. Don Quixote writer is believed to be buried in a tiny convent church

Miguel de Cervantes, Spain's greatest writer, was a soldier of little fortune. He died broke in Madrid, his body riddled with bullets. His burial place was a tiny convent church no larger than the entrance hall of an average house.

No more was heard of the 16th-century author until the rediscovery of a novel featuring an eccentric character called Don Quixote rescued him from oblivion.

By then, nobody could remember where his grave was. Four centuries later, Spain intends to do the great man justice.

A team that will search for Cervantes's remains began exploratory work Monday and final conclusions — should the search succeed — will be known by the year's end. The estimated cost of the operation is \$138,000.

A three-phase search will take place over some 200 square metres at the Convent of the Barefoot Trinitarians in Madrid's historic Barrio de las Letras — or Literary Quarter.

Cervantes had been wounded in battle and spent years captive in Algiers. He had been seized by Turkish pirates who boarded the ship

on which he was returning to Spain after fighting in a war against the Ottoman Empire.

The Trinitarian order negotiated his release and helped pay a ransom that ruined Cervantes' family. Cervantes was compelled to live as an errand-runner for the convent to give thanks for his deliverance.

He lived in a neighbourhood of narrow streets, small houses and taverns full of artists and hustlers, where wine flowed and tapas were served.

According to Fernando Prado, the historian in charge of the project, just five people, including a child and Cervantes, are buried there.

The first phase will consist of exploration using radar. Excavation will begin if bones are detected.

Then the investigation turns to Spanish forensic anthropologist Francisco Etxeberria.

Forensic identification will be the last part of the process. Any bones found may have been mixed up. Prado said that with no living Cervantes descendants, DNA analysis is unlikely to lead anywhere.

The investigation will refer to the author's portraits and his own stories, in which he relates that shortly before dying he only had six teeth.

But the most obvious marks will be the battle wounds that Cervantes sustained. In 1571 the writer was wounded in the Battle of



Operators scan the altar with ground-penetration radar at the Convent of the Barefoot Trinitarians in Madrid, Spain. PAUL WHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Church traditions

"History teaches us that churches never throw bones away. They might relocate them under roofs and vaults if necessary, but no one would dare throw them into a common ossuary."

Fernando Prado, historian in charge of finding Cervantes' remains

Lepanto, which pitted Ottoman Turkish forces against the Holy League, led by Spain. Aboard the ship La Marquesa,

Cervantes was hit with three musket shots, two in the chest and one in his hand.

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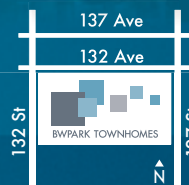


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Lim Jang-young, 58, helps families of victims of the sunken ferry Sewol in Jindo, South Korea. AHN YOUNG-JOON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Volunteers help to ease suffering

The mother, slightly drunk, sits on the edge of a wind-blown dock and wails. A Buddhist monk approaches and wipes the tears from her face as she pours out her grief and longing for her missing son.

He leads her away from the dock's edge and, as she weeps, chants Buddhist scriptures and sounds a wooden gong in a prayer for her son's

return.

"They are really suffering," said the monk, Bul Il, who came from the southeastern port city of Busan to help the families of the more than 100 still missing in the sunken South Korean ferry.

"It's painful for me to watch their misery," he said, his face peeling and red from long chants on a

platform facing the sea.

Bul Il is one member of an impromptu city that has sprung up at this normally sleepy port for the families of those lost in the disaster.

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Kenney on hot seat over temp foreign worker program

The controversy. It's resonating with Canadians at a time of high unemployment, says a critic

Jason Kenney is coming under fire in the House of Commons over the government's controversial temporary foreign worker program.

Amid allegations that some employers — fast-food restaurants in particular — have been abusing the program, Kenney is defending his move to temporarily ban the food services sector from the program.

Under attack from the NDP, Kenney says he receives more requests from the New Democrats to facilitate the



Minister of Employment and Social Development Jason Kenney
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entry of temporary foreign workers than he does any other party.

He says he's intent on en-

suring that employers everywhere should hire Canadians first, but notes that companies should hike wages if necessary to attract workers.

Kenney has been hailed among some cabinet colleagues for forging a deal with the provinces and territories on the contentious Canada Job Grant, but some say his reputation is taking a beating on temporary foreign workers.

Liberal John McCallum, the party's immigration critic, says the controversy is resonating with all Canadians at a time of relatively high unemployment.

Peter Woolstencroft, a political science professor at the University of Waterloo, describes the temporary foreign worker file as being "impregnated with bad optics."

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Weapons registration

A member of a self-defence group sits with his gun as he waits during the first day of weapons registration in Coalcoman, Mexico, Monday. The confusing proliferation of false self-defence groups in Michoacan and instances of alleged looting and killings by legitimate vigilantes have led the federal government to order them to demobilize.

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Lev Tahor

Judge orders infant released

An Ontario judge has ordered an infant with an ultra-orthodox Jewish sect to be released from foster care and placed in the care of the baby's 17-year-old mother.

Justice Paul Kowalyshyn ordered Chatham-Kent Children's Services to release the Lev Tahor child, who with the mother was taken into custody in Calgary after fleeing Ontario ahead of a child custody appeal hearing.

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North Carolina

Lawsuit cites religious freedom in challenge to gay marriage ban

Some clergy members are filing a novel lawsuit challenging North Carolina's constitutional ban on gay marriage, saying it violates their religious freedom.

The clergy members say they would like to perform same-sex marriage ceremonies in their congregations, but can't because of the law.

The lawsuit filed Monday in federal court in Charlotte includes a dozen clergy members and the United Church of Christ, which has more than one million members.

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San Francisco Bay

Planes collide as 1 attempts to pass the other

Authorities say they have located the wreckage of a small plane that crashed into San Francisco Bay after colliding with another aircraft.

Contra Costa County sheriff's spokesman Jimmy Lee said crews located the Cessna on Monday but could not immediately say whether the pilot was also found.

The search began Sunday afternoon when the Cessna 210 and a Hawker Sea Fury TMK 20 collided in mid-air. The pilot of the vintage airplane landed safely, but the Cessna crashed into the water.

The names of the pilots haven't been released.

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Elections bill. Tories set 3-day deadline to vote on hundreds of amendments

A parliamentary committee has been given three days to debate and vote on nearly 300 amendments to a controversial overhaul of Canada's elections law — a tight time frame the Opposition NDP is calling a "farce."

The Conservative majority has set 5 p.m. Thursday as the deadline for clause-by-clause debate of the 242-page bill, which now includes almost 300 pages of proposed amendments.

That includes 45 changes proposed by the government itself late last week to address some of the most contentious reforms.

"This is more of the farce," New Democrat David Christopherson groused as the final witness hearing wrapped up Monday.

"We've got 242 pages, 300 pages of amendments, and we're going to have until 5 o'clock (Thursday) and we're not even meeting around the clock to do it. This is insane," he said.

"Some of the insanity was two or three days taken up with a filibuster," responded Joe Preston, the Conservative committee chairman,

before dropping the gavel to end Monday's hearing.

Preston was referring to Christopherson's own procedural filibuster over the legislation.

In fact, it's been more than a year since the Conservative government first promised to present election reforms, only to withdraw them — unseen by the public — after objections from party MPs.

"In our desire to rapidly incorporate recent recommendations made by the chief electoral officer, we discovered a last-minute issue in the proposed Elections Reform Act," Tim Uppal, the former democratic reform minister, said last April.

"Therefore, we are postponing the introduction of legislation. We will take the time necessary to get the legislation right."

Uppal lost his job to Pierre Poilievre in a July 2013 cabinet shuffle and it wasn't until Feb. 4 this year that a new bill emerged, rechristened the Fair Elections Act.

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Mayor shot, pro-Ukraine rally attacked as tensions rise in east



A bloodied man awaits medical assistance Monday after he was beaten by pro-Russian activists in Donetsk, Ukraine. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eastern cities.

Police stand aside as pro-Russia activists beat up demonstrators in Donetsk; mayor possibly targeted to destabilize Kharkiv, friend says

The mayor of Ukraine's second-largest city of Kharkiv, a hub of 1.5 million people, was shot in the back Monday and hundreds of men attacked a peaceful pro-Ukraine rally with batons, bricks and stun grenades, wounding dozens as tensions soared in Ukraine's volatile east.

In the eastern city of Donetsk, about 1,000 demonstrators carrying Ukrainian flags marched through the streets to hold a pro-Ukrainian rally

Monday night. They were attacked by several hundred armed men shouting "Russia!" Police attempted to hold the pro-Russia men back, but then stood aside as dozens of protesters were battered.

Hennady Kernes, the mayor of Kharkiv, was shot in the back Monday morning while cycling on the outskirts of the city, his office said. He underwent surgery and was reported by the hospital to be in "grave but stable" condition.

Kernes' friend and former Kharkiv governor Mykhailo Dobkin told journalists the attackers had aimed at Kernes' heart and wanted to kill him to destabilize the city.

Elsewhere in the east, pro-Russia militants wearing masks gained another foothold, seizing a city hall building and police station in the city of Kostyantynivka, 160 kilometres from the Russian border. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

New sanctions

Canada, U.S. target Putin's inner circle

Canada is following the United States in once again stepping up the pressure on Moscow over the crisis in Ukraine. Prime Minister Stephen Harper says two Russian companies and nine individuals will face new sanctions.

And he suggests more economic sanctions could be on the way unless Russian President Vladimir Putin follows through on an April 17 agreement that was designed to ease tensions in Ukraine.

A half-dozen CF-18 fighter jets are also sched-

uled to depart Tuesday to assist NATO operations in eastern Europe.

Earlier Monday, the U.S. imposed sanctions on seven Russian government officials and 17 companies linked to Putin. It also revoked licences for some high-tech products used by Russia's military.

The new sanctions were milder than many in Moscow had feared. They did not affect any public companies or major sectors of the economy.

The European Union meanwhile slapped visa bans and asset freezes on 15 individuals alleged to be involved with stoking instability in eastern Ukraine.

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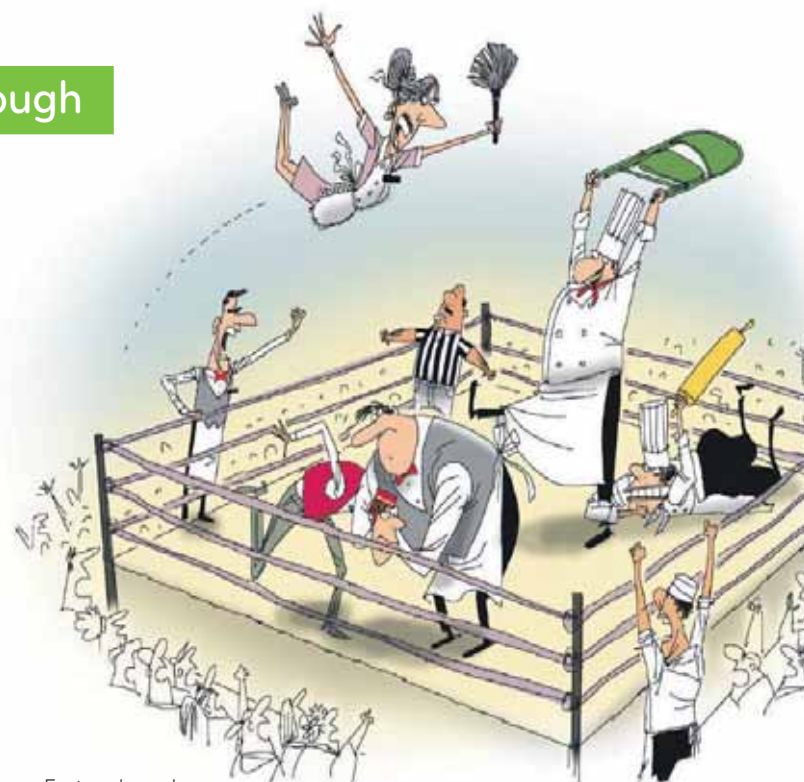
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Dream of self-driving cars stuck in neutral ... for now



The Google driverless car navigating along a street in Mountain View, Calif.
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Not so fast. Google is testing vehicles with a speedy push to market by 2017, but an expert says it will take until 2025

Google says that cars it has programmed to drive themselves have started to master the navigation of city streets and the challenges they bring, from jaywalkers to weaving bicyclists — a critical milestone for any commercially available self-driving car technology.

Despite the progress over the past year, the cars have

plenty of learning to do before 2017, when the Silicon Valley tech giant hopes to get the technology to the public.

None of the traditional automakers has been so bullish. Instead, they have rolled out features incrementally, including technology that brakes and accelerates in stop-and-go traffic or keeps cars in their lanes.

"I think the Google technology is great stuff. But I just don't see a quick pathway to the market," said David Alexander, a senior analyst with Navigant Research who specializes in autonomous vehicles.

His projection is that self-driving cars will not be commercially available until 2025.

Google's self-driving cars already can navigate freeways comfortably, albeit with a driver ready to take control. In a new blog post, the project's leader said test cars now can handle thousands of urban situations that would have stumped them a year or two ago.

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Death of cable TV? Xbox original shows coming soon to a couch near you

When it comes to original programming, Microsoft is going to throw it at the Xbox and see what sticks.

After nearly two years since launching a studio to create new shows to be streamed on Xbox consoles, Microsoft is finally ready to serve an assorted helping of original programming this summer for the Xbox 360 and Xbox One. However, viewers shouldn't expect Xbox Originals, as they're called, to be

available the same way that content is provided on Netflix and Hulu.

"We don't necessarily know what approach will work, and we don't necessarily know what approach won't work," noted Nancy Tellem, the president of Xbox Entertainment Studios during a recent press preview of Xbox Originals at Microsoft's offices in Santa Monica, Calif.

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Watchdog. Harper may finally balance the federal budget this year

The federal government may be able to finally eliminate the deficit as early as this current fiscal year, but the achievement will have come at some cost to economic growth and jobs, the country's budget watchdog says.

Parliamentary Budget Officer Jean-Denis Frechette's report estimates federal spending curbs have helped keep the government's costs in check, and will likely lead to a virtual balanced budget one year ahead of schedule in the current 2014-15 fiscal year.

"Prospects for budgetary surpluses are higher over the outlook than in (October's previous report) due to a combination of an improved economic outlook and measures in Budget 2014, in particular further planned restraint in direct program expenses," Frechette's report states.

"PBO estimates the likelihood of realizing a budgetary balance or better is approximately 50 per cent in 2014-15, and more than 60 per cent in 2015-16 and beyond."

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A car drives past the CarMax sign at the dealership in Oak Lawn, Ill.
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NBA. Advertisers drop L.A. Clippers from roster amid racism controversy

Advertisers are backing away from the Los Angeles Clippers after racist comments attributed to the NBA team's owner.

Used car dealership chain CarMax, airline Virgin America, and the Chumash Casino Resort said Monday that they are ending their sponsorships of the Clippers in the wake of comments allegedly made by the team's owner, Donald Sterling.

Two other sponsors, Kia Motors America and Red Bull, said they are suspending their advertising and sponsorship activities with the team. Another sponsor, insurer State Farm, said it "will be taking a pause in our relationship with the organization."

The Clippers declined to comment. The incident highlights the risks that companies face when they make sponsorship deals. The deals can bring goodwill when things are going well, but brands face a tough spot when they link themselves with teams or athletes that become mired

in controversy. Advertising experts say that once the bad news hit out there, a negative association could have already been made in the eyes of consumers.

Allen Adamson, managing director of research firm Landor Associates, said there's little benefit for brands to stick with their sponsorship deals in this instance. "There's some benefit in moving quickly," he said. "You can always renew your sponsorship later, but the longer you're linking your brand to a brand in trouble, the higher the risk."

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HAVE THE 'BURBS LOST THEIR APPEAL?

After living in the city for seven years, I've come to love the idea of starting a family in an urban setting. Unfortunately my boyfriend, who was actually born and raised in the city, has romantic visions of relocating to a sprawling home with a large backyard, a finished basement and neighbours who actually talk to one another.

Earlier this month, the New York Times published an article about the dwindling populations of North American suburbs. In the past, young men and women moved to the city for a brief period of time to attend university and start their careers before returning back to their hometowns when it came time to settle down.

Today, these migratory patterns are changing as an increasing number of people in their 20s and 30s are relocating to urban areas and opting to stay there for good. More



SHE SAYS
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and more young professionals are choosing to forgo the front lawns and spacious driveways of suburbia in favour of a more dynamic life, with kids, downtown.

I spent my teenage years coming of age in an idyllic lakefront suburb where almost all of the designer homes came with their own swimming pool. I went to a "good" school populated by beautiful WASP-y teenagers who could have starred in their own reality show about moneyed suburbanites.

It wasn't an exciting place — I spent countless hours driving along identical tree-lined residential streets to strip malls filled with fast-food chains — but it was safe and comfortable, which are desirable qualities when you're looking for somewhere to raise your kids.

So why are these picture-perfect peripheral towns now

failing to lure young families back from the city?

The suburbs might have space and privacy, but cities have character — and plenty of characters — that you just don't find in the homogeneous communities that surround them. And while a congested and unpredictable downtown might not seem like the ideal place for young children, urban environments do have a distinct allure.

Cities offer walkability, mass transit, independence and a vast array of entertainment options. Families have access to museums, galleries, restaurants, street festivals, sporting events and theatrical productions every day of the week. I'd be willing to sacrifice some square footage if it meant giving my future children the opportunity to enjoy the unique benefits that come with living in a demographically diverse and densely populated urban area.

They say the grass is always greener on the other side — except downtown, where the metaphorical grass is a slab of concrete — but I just can't imagine moving back to the 'burbs.

ZOOM

Mauled eagle



Photographer Stan Rife captured this image about 46 metres away from the battling birds. "I stayed at a distance as eagles are cautious and won't hesitate to fly off if they spot you. Even from where I was photographing, I could definitely hear a pretty loud thud or thump as the eagles made contact." COURTESY STAN RIFE/SOLENT NEWS

Bald eagle claws off rival for food

This bald eagle took a bit of a battering as a rival clawed his face in a fierce airborne fight.

The white-headed birds of prey grappled with each other in a row over fish that descended into a tense battle of the fittest.

Photographer Stan Rife, 55, watched the feathers fly during the scrap near the Great Salt Lake, located in the northern part of the U.S. state of Utah. **METRO**

Fishy reasons

"I'd say 99.9 per cent of fights are over fish. One eagle will land and start to feast on a catch, and then another will come and try to steal it away."

Stan Rife, 55, wildlife photographer

Bald-eagle facts

- **Wingspan.** Up to 230 cm.
- **Plucky flock.** Bald eagles have some 7,000 feathers.
- **Speed.** Over 56 km/h in flight and up to 160 km/h in a hunting dive.
- **Symbol.** Adopted in 1782 as U.S. national coat of arms. "Founding father" Benjamin Franklin was against the move due to bird's roguish behaviour.

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Lag: It's way funnier in real life



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Lag. We'll pause for a moment while you spit out the bad taste that word leaves in your mouth. But what if lag's effects weren't restricted to the Internet?

Well, it might look a little like this experiment involving an Oculus Rift, a webcam, hapless volunteers, some missed dance steps and — most importantly — a broadband Internet company's advertising dollars. If you're going to lag IRL, you're going to need to break a few eggs. And ruin a table tennis game. And ... (Via Umeaenergy on YouTube)



SCREENGRAB



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M.I.A. talks divinity, art and holograms

Matangi. New album inspired by deity 'who looks and sounds like a woman who goes out there and fights for truth and justice'

PAT HEALY

Metro World News

Earlier this month M.I.A. and Janelle Monáe sang and danced with holograms of each other while each singer performed on an opposite coast of America. Although M.I.A. says she enjoyed the experience, it's unlikely you'll see her do much more of this sort of thing soon.

"You have to have these mirrors and carefully positioned equipment, and at the moment my shows are a bit unpredictable," says M.I.A. "I'd want to have something pre-choreographed and worked out and I never have that type of show. I couldn't bring the crowd up on-stage if I had it."

Does incorporating high theatrics into your shows mean you have to compromise spontaneity?

I like being the artist that can be like that, where it's not so precious. I think we're living in a time where of course there's pressure for me to become a theatrical production like *Glee* or something and for my show to become a well-organized, choreographed thing like a pop show.

It's like, "The pressure's on, bitches." Everybody's sort of supposed to become that thing. At least that's what's considered



M.I.A. says she resists pressure to turn her shows into "a theatrical production like *Glee* or something." GETTY IMAGES

good entertainment. So if you're bringing something to the table that's more about the energy and the vibe of what's going on that night, then it's difficult, but I might try to figure that out and see about that.

With Matangi, you liken yourself to the Hindu goddess

who gives the album its title. Could this idea of finding god within yourself be a trend in the collective consciousness of artists? Kanye West certainly explores it on the Yeezus album.

I didn't really come at it like that because the journey to do with me is using exactly the

same set of codes, but telling a different story with it. It's not a newly constructed set of codes. It's exactly the same one as the first album and the second one, and the third one and the fourth one, whereas with Kanye, the album before he says he's Jesus is about complete excess and being a king and royalty and money and wealth and having fur coats and flying a private jet, so the next one is a totally different concept.

But mine is more of a progression because it's like you're still working on the concept of the name of M.I.A. and what that stands for and people representing untouchables and people that live in a certain demographic, and you're still talking about fighting for things. The deity is still somebody who looks and sounds like a woman who goes out there and fights for truth and justice, speaking out and freedom of expression, all of these things which have always been a theme in my work.

How did you come to know of Matangi? Was it something you grew up with in your culture?

It wasn't really something that I felt that connected to. ... I sort of fell upon it. Everything sort of works like that. It's about your experience and it's about what you're doing in the day, and the things that concern me in my life. I'm just directing my first video for *Double Bubble Trouble*, and even that process is exactly the same; you walk down the street, you see something and shoot it, and it goes in the video.

DVD review



Labor Day

Director. Jason Reitman

Stars. Kate Winslet, Josh Brolin, Gattlin Griffith

A lonely single mom (Kate Winslet) getting her groove back through the Mr. Clean ministrations of a prison escapee (Josh Brolin) is the kind of eye-rolling scenario writer/director Jason Reitman would usually mock.

And the laughs would be welcomed, not the unintended kind that this glossy melodrama frequently summons.

The two fine actors are defeated by Reitman's screenplay, his irony-free adaptation of Joyce Maynard's 2009 novel. It's as overripe as the peaches that Brolin's Frank sexily folds into the pie he bakes for Winslet's Adele.

Set in 1987 (but so 1950ish) in a small New Hampshire town, the movie clangs like a broken bell almost from the get-go.

At no point does it convince us that Frank is the least bit dangerous. Fatally, neither does it make us care about whether he and Adele will go from doing the rumba in the living room to the horizontal mambo in the bedroom.

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Finding beauty in being the bad guy

The Sheik.

New documentary tells the story of a man from Tehran who became wrestling's most infamous villain

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On Twitter, where he has more than 400,000 followers, The Iron Sheik is exactly the sort of holy terror that he was during his glory days in the wrestling ring. He'll pick a fight with anybody, including Rob Ford.

But in real life, Khosrow Vaziri is a soft-spoken man whose pride in his legendary alter ego's wrestling exploits is tempered by a winning humility.

Both sides of Vaziri's personality are on display in *The Sheik*, an affectionate yet surprisingly intense documentary about his life

in and out of the squared circle. "I was happy that somebody wanted to make a [movie] about me," says the 72-year-old Tehran native, who was a bodyguard for the Shah's family before earning his stripes as both a decorated amateur and boldly infamous professional wrestler. "It was something new for me."

Produced by Vaziri's longtime friends and managers Page and Jian Magen — who turned to crowdsourcing in order to fund the production and plan to distribute it digitally as well as theatrically — and directed by Igal Hecht, *The Sheik* is a personal profile with a political undertone. In it, Vaziri speaks candidly about exploiting his heritage to become, in his words, "the most hated wrestler in the world."

"Sometimes I had so much heat that people would throw things into the ring," he says with a smile.

"They would have to sneak me to my hotel in an ambu-

lance because people were waiting outside the arena."

And yet despite playing his villainous foreigner role to the hilt, Vaziri was well-liked and respected by his fellow WWE wrestlers, who he says never betrayed any of the same xenophobic attitudes of the fans.

"In the old days, we tried to show the fans that wrestling was real," he explains.

"Good guys would go to one locker room, and bad guys to another. Some guys wouldn't even admit to their wife that it was all 'work.'"

There is material about Vaziri's family and personal life in *The Sheik*, and not all of it is flattering — he's battled drug addiction since the shocking death of his eldest daughter in 2003 — but he says that he was OK with it being a balanced portrait.

"Some of it was maybe not good for me. My family didn't like some things, but in the end, the story was told."



The Iron Sheik. CONTRIBUTED

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"Some of it was maybe not good for me. My family didn't like some things, but in the end, the story was told."

The Iron Sheik on the new documentary *The Sheik*.



The Iron Sheik was a body guard for the Shah's family in his younger years. CONTRIBUTED



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Katy Perry ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

I kissed a DJ and I liked it: Has Katy danced her way from John to Diplo?

Well, that was quick. Katy Perry finally confirmed her split from John Mayer last week, and now it seems she's already moved on — with DJ and producer Diplo. The two were spotted having dinner together before heading to the New York premiere of *The Amazing Spider-Man 2*, according to TooFab, and while they reportedly did their best to avoid being photographed together,

sources say they were seen leaving together, taking off in the same SUV. Perry and Diplo were previously seen enjoying each other's company at the Coachella music festival earlier this month. "It was very obvious that Katy and Diplo were together," a source told Page Six of that sighting. "They seemed inseparable, and at one point they were seen getting onto her bus together."



Tom Hardy

It's Hardy to be sure if this guy got hitched

Tom Hardy is apparently trying to get adjusted to married life before actually tying the knot, as he's been perplexing reporters recently by already referring to fiancée Charlotte Riley as his wife despite the fact that they haven't actually tied the knot yet, according to *Us Weekly*. "Well, my wife is an actor as well, so she sort of gets it," Hardy told the

magazine at a recent event to promote his new film, *Locke*, in New York. "Apart from that, I'm a pain in the ass, really," Hardy also referred to Riley as "pure" and "very kind." The couple met while filming *Wuthering Heights* in 2009 and were engaged a year later. No wedding date has officially been set yet — assuming the event hasn't already happened.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Look at that hair, look how it shines on Styles...

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Now that Chris Martin and Gwyneth Paltrow are consciously uncoupled, let's all try to guess who Martin will couple with next. How about One Direction heartthrob Harry Styles?

The Coldplay frontman says he's a huge fan of One Direction — Styles in particular. "I'm saying One Direction are brilliant, and I'm not kidding. You know why? Because their songs are really good and I don't think that any of them are

going to go solo," he told the BBC.

Chris doesn't just admire their musical prowess and comradeship: He also, like all humans with a pulse, thinks Harry Styles is cute as all get out.

"He has come to a couple of our shows. I think I probably said the same thing about chemistry. I can't remember — I was too enamoured with his haircut. I was like this: 'I was pretty sure I was a straight guy before.' I was having a hot flush," he said.

Good to know that Harry Styles' stupid adorable floppiness works on adults who should be even less susceptible than me. However, Chris Martin does have a 10-year-old daughter, so he'd better be discreet about his affection or he might find himself in a Tumblr feud with Apple.

In-character actor delivered warm slice of compassion

New York has apparently grown so callous and hard-hearted that it falls to tourists to feed the city's movie stars. Richard Gere was filming a movie near Grand Central last week in which he plays a homeless man. Apparently, he played the part a little too well: A French tourist spotted him rooting through a trash can and, moved by the plight of the apparently homeless and starving man, gave him her family's leftover pizza.

Tourist Karine Gambeau, who is visiting NYC with her family, says Gere never broke character. "What's in the bag?" she says he asked her.

"I tried to tell him in English, but it came out half in French," she says. "I said, 'Je suis désolée, but the pizza is cold.'"

"He said, 'Thank you so much. God bless you,'" she told Page Six.

On second thought, maybe



Richard Gere

the real story here is, "Richard Gere cons innocent family out of pizza under false pretences." They are from France, after all, and Gere cruelly snatched one of their few chances to eat real New York pizza from them through fraud.

Details of Geldof's death may come to light as inquest begins

A British coroner will open an inquest this week into the death of Peadar Killeen and may reveal details of what killed the 25-year-old celebrity.

Kent County Council says a brief inquest hearing will be held Thursday. The council said in a statement Monday that a senior police officer will read a statement and the coroner will release the results of a post-mortem investigation.

The model and TV personality, daughter of Live Aid organizer Bob Geldof, was found dead at her home south of London on April 7. An initial autopsy was inconclusive and toxicology tests have been carried out.



Peaches Geldof

Inquests are held in Britain to determine the facts in sudden, violent or unexplained deaths.

After the opening hearing, the inquest will be adjourned until later in the year.

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My kids used to love math. Now it makes them cry. Thanks standardized testing and common core!



@SethMacFarlane

Who takes the best selfies in LA? I need someone good to do mine.



@RebelWilson

Just so we're all clear: I didn't get out of pajamas all day today...BUT I did walk to the fridge eight times

Feel full, not fat

Being hungry and being on a diet are two very different things. Dr. Joel Fuhrman, a nutritionist and author of Eat to Live, breaks down whole foods that will fill you up and do you good.

ROMINA MCGUINNESS, METRO WORLD NEWS

Nutrition data from My Fitness Pal



**Red kidney beans
(cooked, 100 g)**

WHY: "Beans are digested slowly, stabilizing blood sugar levels and reducing feelings of hunger. They're also high in resistant starch, a type of carbohydrate that is not absorbable by the body as calories."
Calories: 32 / **Total fat:** 0 g / **Sugars:** 5 g / **Protein:** 1 g / **Dietary fibre:** 2 g / **Total carbs:** 8 g



**Strawberries
(chopped, 100 g)**

WHY: "Naturally sweet and low in sugar, strawberries don't raise blood glucose levels like a banana or date would."
EAT ABOUT: 200 g
Calories: 32 / **Total fat:** 0 g / **Sugars:** 5 g / **Protein:** 1 g / **Dietary fibre:** 2 g / **Total carbs:** 8 g



**Chia seeds
(100 g)**

WHY: "These act like a fat sponge in the digestive tract."
EAT ABOUT: 2 tbsp
Calories: 490 / **Total fat:** 31g / **Sugars:** 0g / **Protein:** 16g / **Dietary fibre:** 38g / **Total carbs:** 44g



Walnuts (raw, 100 g)

WHY: "These are rich in omega-3 fatty acids, a natural anti-inflammatory. Walnuts also contain plant sterols, which bind fat and put it in your stool so that the calories are not biologically available to the body."
EAT ABOUT: A handful
Calories: 654 / **Total fat:** 65 g / **Sugars:** 3 g / **Protein:** 15 g / **Dietary fibre:** 2 g / **Total carbs:** 14 g



Tomatoes (raw, 100 g)

WHY: "Tomatoes are high in the carotenoid antioxidant lycopene. Lycopene helps to defend the body's tissues against oxidative damage."
EAT ABOUT: The more the better
Calories: 32 / **Total fat:** 0g / **Sugars:** 3 g / **Protein:** 1 g / **Dietary fibre:** 1 g / **Total carbs:** 3 g

Broccoli (raw, 100 g)



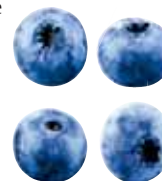
WHY: "Dark green vegetables are packed with nutrients and are so low in calories that they can be consumed in virtually unlimited quantities."
EAT ABOUT: The more the better
Calories: 39 / **Total fat:** 1 g / **Sugars:** 2 g / **Protein:** 4 g / **Dietary fibre:** 3 g / **Total carbs:** 2 g

**Mushrooms
(raw, 100 g)**



WHY: "They contain powerful angiogenesis inhibitors. In other words, they prevent new blood vessel growth that is needed for fat tissue growth."
EAT ABOUT: 20 g
Calories: 22 / **Total fat:** 0 g / **Sugars:** 2 g / **Protein:** 3 g / **Dietary fibre:** 1 g / **Total carbs:** 3 g

Blueberries (frozen, 100 g)



WHY: "These are a good source of dietary fibre and have a low glycemic load (the impact of carbohydrates on blood sugar levels)."
EAT ABOUT: 120 g
Calories: 51 / **Total fat:** 1 g / **Sugars:** 8 g / **Protein:** 0 g / **Dietary fibre:** 3 g / **Total carbs:** 12 g

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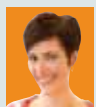
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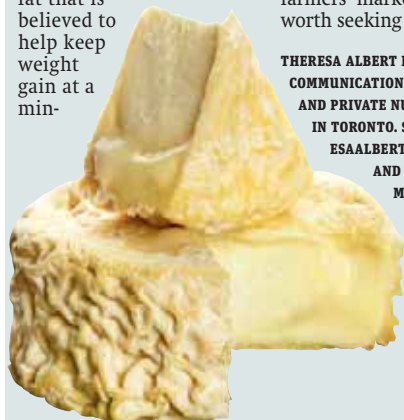
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Sheep's and goat's milk cheese are a staple all over the world. We Canadians have a lot of exploring ahead of us.

Some of the benefits of these delicious options:

- People with dairy digestive issues tend to have an easier time getting the goodness of milk without the downsides of their intolerance.

- Milking sheep and goats have a much higher CLA (conjugated linoleic acid) amount. CLA is a good fat that is believed to help keep weight gain at a min-



imum.

- Sheep's milk has almost twice the calcium and protein of cow or goat milk.

- Both have unique and distinct tastes that can be made into any type of cheese: soft, washed rind like brie, or aged like cheddar.

I had the chance to milk sheep and I was surprised by how clean, gentle and sweet-smelling they were.

That warm, soft smell comes from a wax that their skin produces called lanolin. Yep, the same lanolin that you see as an ingredient in your hand cream (which may explain why my hands were remarkably soft for an entire day).

Small sheep and goat farms are dotted across the country, producing artisan cheeses that are sold onsite or in small boutique and farmers' markets. Well worth seeking out.

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This makes four to six servings. THERESA ALBERT

Soft sheep's ricotta or goat chèvre work equally well in this recipe. If you choose goat cheese, you'll have more zing!

Pancakes are not just sweet food anymore. Think of Japan's okonomiyaki or French crepes. Both serve up fast, comfort food with flavour to spare.

These can easily be made gluten free by choosing an appropriate pancake mix.

1. Mix together pancake mix, ground almonds, wheat germ, garlic powder, white pepper with a whisk.

2. Mix eggs, ricotta and milk.

3. Mix the two together while you heat a skillet.

4. Fry like pancakes on one side until bubbles form, flip once.

5. Top with extra cheese and mango chutney.

Ingredients

- 2 cups pancake mix or gluten free pancake mix
- 1/2 cup ground almonds
- 1/2 cup wheat germ (omit if gluten free)
- 1 tsp garlic powder

- pinch white pepper
- 3 eggs
- 6 oz ricotta cheese, divided (or any soft sheep or goat cheese)
- 3 cups milk or goat milk
- mango chutney

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This refreshing Avocado Cucumber Salad with Chia Yogurt Dressing is perfect with added protein at lunch. The chia seeds help the orange juice infused dressing thicken as it marinates.

1. Peel and pit avocado. Chop avocado and combine with peppers and cucumber into a large bowl.

2. In a small bowl, whisk together Florida orange

juice, yogurt, cilantro, chia seeds, garlic, mustard, sugar and salt. Pour over vegetables and toss to coat; let stand for 15 minutes before serving.

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Ingredients

- 1 large ripe avocado
- 1 each red and yellow pepper, chopped
- 1 small English cucumber, chopped

Orange Chia Dressing

- 1/2 cup (125 ml) Florida orange juice
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) plain Greek 0% yogurt
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped fresh cilantro or mint

- 2 tsp (10 ml) chia seeds
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 ml) each Dijon mustard and granulated sugar
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt

NBA playoffs

Hawks one win away from upsetting Pacers

Mike Scott made five three-pointers during a 30-6 second-quarter run Monday night, and the Atlanta Hawks fended off a furious fourth-quarter rally to beat top-seeded Indiana 107-97 and take a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Atlanta can clinch the first-round series at home Thursday.

Scott scored all 17 of his points during an incredible 12-minute stretch when Atlanta went 13 of 16 from the field and outscored Indiana 41-19 to take a 61-40 halftime lead. The Hawks and the 1970 Milwaukee Bucks are the only road teams in the shot-clock era to score at least 40 points and allow fewer than 20 in any quarter of a playoff game.

Paul George had 26 for Indiana. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

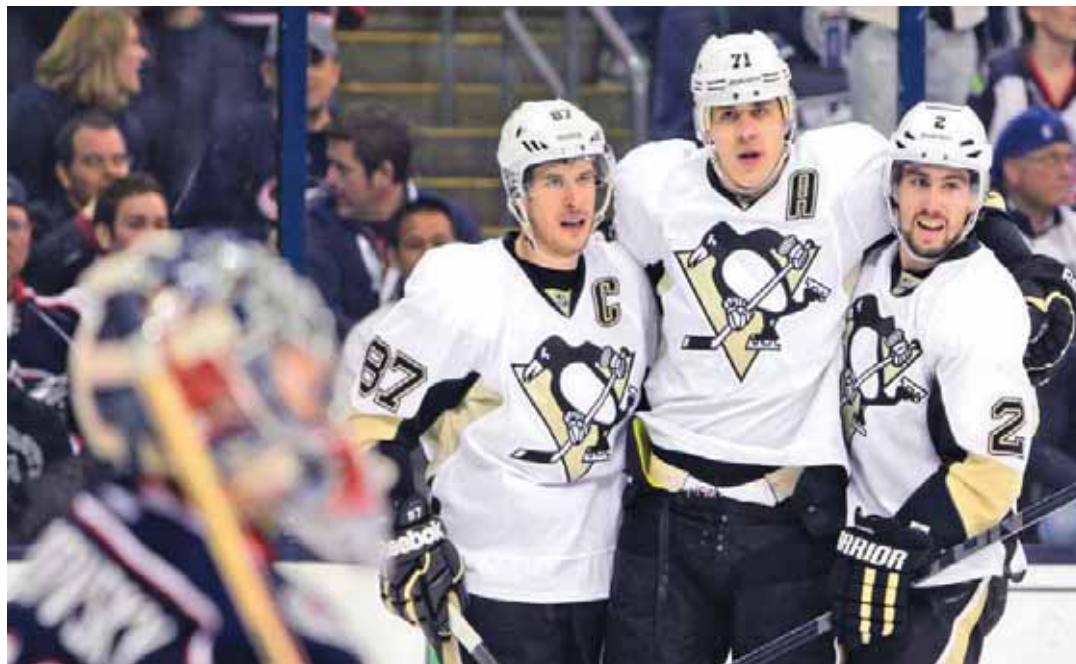
NBA playoffs



"I believe if it was me, I wouldn't come to the game."

I believe the fans, the loudest statement that they can make as fans is to not show up to the game."

Golden State Warriors coach Mark Jackson responding to questions Monday about how fans should react to comments, believed to have been made by Clippers owner Donald Sterling, telling a woman not to bring black people to his games or associate with them. NBA commissioner Adam Silver will hold a news conference in New York Tuesday where he could reveal league sanctions against Sterling. The Warriors and Clippers play later at Staples Center with their series tied 2-2.



Penguins Matt Niskanen, right, Evgeni Malkin and Sidney Crosby celebrate one of Malkin's three goals on Monday in Columbus. JAY LAPRETE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Malkin leads Pens in shedding Jackets

NHL playoffs. Geno pots 3 goals, Pittsburgh eliminates Columbus from post-season

Evgeni Malkin and the Pittsburgh Penguins finally flexed their offensive muscles.

And they needed every bit of scoring they could muster.

Malkin had a hat trick and the Penguins almost blew a four-goal lead before holding off the Columbus Blue Jackets 4-3 on Monday night to clinch their first-round playoff series

in six games.

"It's more important that we win the game and (end) the series," Malkin said of the 10th time he's scored three times in a game in his career.

"Going into the second round now, you feel so much better when you have confidence. I hope in the next round I can score more."

Pittsburgh awaits the winner of the New York-Philadelphia series, with the Rangers leading 3-2 going into Tuesday night's Game 6.

It's a good thing for the Penguins that Malkin — scoreless in his past nine playoff games

including the first five in the series — finally found the net.

The Blue Jackets, closer to making tee times than thinking about a Game 7, scored three times in a 4:52 span in the third period to turn up the pressure on the Penguins, an overwhelming favourite before the series got underway.

"We're a proud group in here," forward Brandon Dubinsky said. "We didn't want to get embarrassed on home ice. If it was going to be our last game of the season, we didn't want to have any quit. We didn't have any quit in this locker-room all season. We just

Wild force Game 7

Zach Parise scored early and late on tipped shots, and the Minnesota Wild tacked on two empty-net goals for a 5-2 victory over the Colorado Avalanche on Monday night that sent the first-round playoff series to a decisive Game 7.

- Parise added two assists for a four-point night.

kept pushing and pushing." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Milan Lucic, right, of the Bruins celebrates scoring a goal against the Red Wings with teammate Jarome Iginla in Boston on Saturday. JARED WICKERHAM/GETTY IMAGES

Scan the above image with the Metro News app to view a gallery of hockey's greatest villains.

Lucic loving playoff hate

According to fans at Joe Louis Arena, "Lucic sucks."

The chants rained down from the sellout crowd during Game 4 last week, animosity built up after Milan Lucic speared Detroit Red Wings defenceman Danny DeKeyser and because of the way the Boston Bruins winger plays on the edge between the whistles and after.

Then Lucic scored the tying goal, silencing the building and helping the Bruins take a commanding lead in the series they wrapped up Saturday. Asked if

the chants made scoring that goal more satisfying, the Vancouver native just smiled.

"I'd be lying if I said no," he said. "I mean, any athlete would be lying if they said it doesn't. It was good to get that one."

Lucic fits the bill as the perfect playoff villain, and certainly not just in Detroit. His role as a hated opponent is sure to ramp up in the second round against the Montreal Canadiens as part of an intense rivalry where tempers tend to flare.

Last month Lucic called

Habs defenceman Alexei Emelin in a "chicken" for delivering a low hip check on him. Given fans' and players' long memories, that remark won't be forgotten when the teams take the ice at Bell Centre for Games 3 and 4.

That's OK with Lucic, a player who seems to thrive when being booed and heckled.

"That's the beauty of sports: The fans get into it and it's what makes it fun as well, especially in a playoff series type of atmosphere," Lucic said last week.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You will be quick off the mark both physically and mentally today, especially if you see a chance to make some money.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You feel like you can take on the world and win – and most likely you can. Today's eclipse in your sign endows you with the confidence to try things that at others times might scare you.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You are paying far too much attention to what other people are saying and not enough to what your heart is telling you. You just need follow your own inner voice.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Something you have been worrying about for ages won't bother you any more. Most likely that is because you are starting to focus on issues that really matter rather than issues that are of no importance.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Today's solar eclipse in the career area of your chart will give you the energy and the confidence to put yourself forward and let people in positions of power and authority know you are special.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Voices may be raised over the next 24 hours but if you adopt the right attitude it will pass by and leave you unscathed. What you need most right now is a sense of humour.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

There is no point arguing with people who simply refuse to see sense. It may be tempting to show them up with your knowledge but why bother?

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You will be extremely energetic today but the solar eclipse in your opposite sign of Taurus means you cannot expect to get everything your own way. Some of your rivals are every bit as relentless as you.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You may find it hard to be patient today but stay in control and don't let your temper get the better of you. The planets warn if you get annoyed you could do yourself harm.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You can expect some kind of breakthrough over the next 24 hours, the kind you will remember for years to come. Whatever it is you dream of you know it can be done.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Make sure you get the up front support of loved ones before embarking on a new course of action. Try to persuade them that what you desire will also be good for them.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

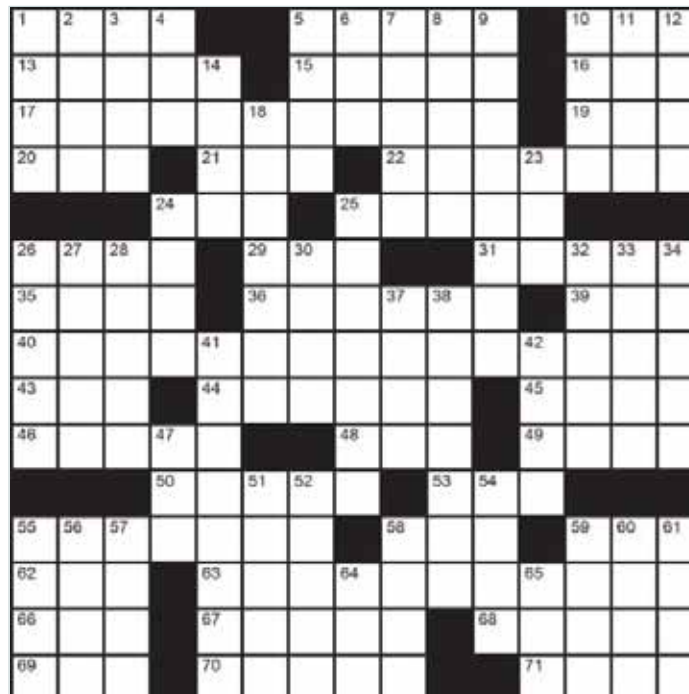
The message of the stars today is that you need to stop wasting time on so many irrelevant activities. Cut back on the partying and all those unnecessary commitments.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Toronto electronic music duo, ___ Dead
5. 'Great'-meaning prefix to 'fy' or 'ficient'
10. Financial exec's degree
13. Mr. Flynn
15. Ozone-damaging refrigerant
16. 'Eight' ender
17. Mariner's mercantile mission mapways: 2 wds.
19. ___ fashioned
20. Nova Scotia hrs.
21. Bard's 'through-out'
22. Winnipeg, 'The ___ to the West'
24. Demise
25. The ___ (Irish siblings band)
26. New news
29. Tetley drink
31. Basket-making fibre
35. Swill
36. Gloria ___ (High-profile American lawyer)
39. Tuber serving
40. "Hot Tonight" band from Newmarket, ON: 3 wds.
43. Excavated material
44. Barker's boarding building
45. Prefix with 'dynamic'
46. Comic strip square
48. "And if your heart's strong, hold ___ won't delay." - The Beatles, "Wait"
49. Attraction
50. Parrot
53. "Gangnam Style" artist
55. Parade bigwig
58. Creature in ancient Egyptian art
59. The ___, Manitoba
62. Toronto's Dan-



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58. Creature in ancient

Egyptian art

59. The ___, Manitoba

62. Toronto's Dan-

forth, e.g.

63. 'Very boring' job

in "Echo Beach" by

Martha & The Muf-

fins: 2 wds.

66. Family

67. Intended

68. Cliff nest, variably

69. Peculiar

70. PGA, et al.

71. Fret

Down

1. Greek alphabet's 6th letter
2. Blunders
3. "Shucks!"
4. Lawn roll
5. "Dial ___ Murder" (1954)
6. Indonesia's ___ Islands
7. Square-one

8. ___ for music

(Not exactly a

maestro)

9. Good way to take

things: 2 wds.

10. Woof's counter-

part

11. Mr. Lugosi

12. Mr. Warhol

14. Mr. Trotsky

18. Bureaucrat's

adhesive?: 2 wds.

23. 'Heir' suffix

24. Behold

25. Infomercial's

prompt to order: 2

wds.

26. Impede

27. Plant life

28. Commuter's pay-

ment

30. Father-in-law for

Esau

32. Jesse ___ Ferguson

of "Modern Family"

33. Famous soap

couple, Luke and ___

34. Curve

37. Nada in Nice?

38. 1983 Bonnie Tyler

hit: "Total ___ of the

Heart"

41. Musical of 1943!

42. Elizabeth ___

Stanton (Suffragist,

b.1815 - d.1902)

47. Bad ___ (German

spa resort)

51. Montreal 'coffees'

52. As, in code

54. Microchip-im-

planting gr.

55. Shark sort

56. Passionate

57. Splinter

58. Memorizes the

script and does this

59. Chipper

60. Indy 500 champ

Mr. Luyendyk

61. Twist, as facts

64. Bed-and-Breakfast

65. ___ Miserables

Friday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Monday's



Weather

TODAY



MAX: 13°
MIN: 3°

WEDNESDAY



MAX: 14°
MIN: 5°

THURSDAY



MAX: 11°
MIN: 6°



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